

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
BUREAU OF SCIENCE.
MANILA.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU.

January 3, 1907.

Doctor Edwin Mearns,
c/o Major General Wood,
Baguio, Benguet.

My dear Doctor Mearns:—

Mr. Fletcher reminds me that you promised him some notes relative to the bird and mammal life of the Philippine Islands. Mr. Merrill is giving him some features in regard to the Philippine flora, and I should very much like to send your notes with his.

As Mr. Fletcher is going to do some writing which will do us considerable good out here, may I ask you to do this and send the manuscript to me?—so that I can forward it together with Mr. Merrill's remarks.

With best regards, I am,

Very respectfully,

Paul Freer

Director, Bureau of Science.

Salapan, Mindoro, P.I.

January 4, 1907.

Received from 1st Lieut. Jno. J. A. Clark, 25th Co. P. S. Quartermaster, the sum of \$10,000 in payment for two hogs and two chickens, the property of members the Manjans tribe of Natives on Mindoro, killed and used as food by exploring party under orders of Major Edgar A. Hearns, Surg-U.S.A., on trip to summit of Mount Halcon, during month of November, 1906 which I agree to expend for their benefit and submit proper bills for same with personal acknowledgements of the parties concerned.

These Natives were brought to Lieut. Clark under instructions from Major Hearns to receive pay for the property taken.

Robert E. Burris,

Dear Major,

Today I brought in the owners of those hogs that you killed. I at first went to the Gov. as per your instruction, but nothing doing, hence I came to Lt. Clark, and he gave me the money.

Very Respectfully
Robert E. Burris.

Calapan, Mindoro, P.I.

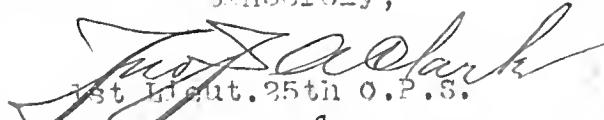
January 6, 1907.

My Dear Major Mearns:-

The man Burrill whom you saw in the mountains came to me to day and brought in three Minyans, who claimed that you and your party killed some of their hogs and a couple of chickens--and that you told him to bring them to the Gov. but the Governor wouldn't do anything about it, and as he had given his word that they would receive their pay by coming here he applied to me, so I helped him out by paying them. I have a slight recollection that you or one of the party spoke of having killed the hogs and that you would like some way of paying them, so on these grounds I advanced the money, and had the satisfaction of seeing them depart without a change of countenance, to visit the stores in company with Burrill whom they trust more than the other Americans.

Hope you enjoyed the Xmas, etc, we had great doings here and really enjoyed ourselves, Miss Clark went to Manila, 31st with Inspector on Mindanao. Is well.

Sincerely,


J. A. Clark
1st Lieut. 25th O.P.S.

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and non-official transaction

Concord Hospital
Bacala P. G.
Jan 3, 1855

Major E. A. James
Surgeon. U. S. A.

Sir -

I have the honor to respectfully inform
you - that - I have learned through
inquiry, - that - There will be a
vacancy at the Medical Laundry on
or about - May 1st; - I am well aware
that you are not in command of
that Station, but if the commanding
officer has no one else booked for
place & am quite sure - that - a
few words of recommendation would
bring favorable results.

Whether favorable or unfavorable, if
the Major will kindly let me know,
I will be more than glad and obliged.

Pasolalli Yours

William Wallack

Post, & Post corner
E.S.C.

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then

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
BUREAU OF FORESTRY.

Forest Station, Zamboanga, Mindanao, P.I.

January 14th, 1907.

Dear Major:-

I am writing to ask if you have that type-written copy of "The Diary of Aguinaldo" which I lent you some time in August? Would like to get it if you can lay hands on the thing.

Everything is very quiet at Zambo at the present time. Capt. Jersey is not very well just at present. I think he must have gotten a little touch of sun.

I have been down to Parang lately, but did not do a great deal of work there as I only went down to inspect the military dock.

You had better come on down to the Zamboanga Fair in February. We are expecting to have a great time. . .

I hope that you had a nice trip at Benguet, and got lots of specimens. I am not making any long hikes just at present, but expect to go up to Surigao in a few months.

With kind regards to all, I am,

Sincerely your friend,

W. L. Hutchison

Tagabiran, Samar, P. I.,

January 17th 1907.

My dear Major Mearns:-

Dr. Griffis has mailed you to-day, a tarantula. I asked him to send it to you and let you forward it to the Smithsonian Institute in order that you might see it because Dr. Cullen tells me that it is almost unknown in these islands

When are you coming down here? I have been postponing the expedition to the top of the Palapag mesa until you get here because you could probably find some new bugs and "varmints" up there and Mr. Merrill can undoubtedly find new weeds.

The place is very wild. Natives never go there on account of the prevalence of "asuangs" and "wak-waks" and perhaps you can catch one up there.

Sincerely yours,

Frank A. Clegg
Major, 8th Battn, Phil Scouts.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

Dear Dr. Mearns:

D. L. RATHBUN

Secretary, Smithsonian Institution

RICHARD RATHBUN

Assistant Secretary, in charge of
U. S. National Museum

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 6, 1907.

Dear Dr. Mearns:

We have been expecting for a long time some tidings as to your movements, but with the exception of a newspaper containing an account of your ascent of Mt. Halcon (for which permit me to congratulate you) we have had no news of you since your letter of August 1. There were rumors that you had started back to this country, "Science" announced that you had sailed on Jan. 5, but the War Department says no orders have been issued for your return, and now Mr. Clymer writes me "that you are in the woods somewhere" which I presume is quite correct, though I trust you come into town for the night.

We received two shipments not long ago (about which the Museum has already written you), one of 3 or 4 boxes (alcoholic material) by way of San Francisco, and another of 5 or 8 boxes, by way of Newport News. Among the specimens were some reptiles & batrachians with tags numbered, but no localities. These are several new species among them which Dr. Stejneger wishes to describe, but he cannot do so until he has localities for them. Can't you send some data for them now? We have seen nothing of the birds

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March 15, 1907.

Dr. Edgar A. Mearns,
Surgeon and Major, U. S. Army,
Manila, Philippine Islands.

Dear Doctor Mearns:

Your letter of August 1, 1906, would have been answered earlier, but for an impression which had gained ground here that you were expected to return soon to the United States. From an inquiry made at the War Department, however, it seems that this is not correct, and I need hardly say that your friends here are very much disappointed.

The eight boxes referred to in your letter of August 1st were received here in October - one of them empty. As Doctor Richmond tells me that several of the smaller and most interesting species of birds from Mt. Malindang, mentioned in the list which accompanied your letter, are not found, I am led to think that perhaps the

(Accessions 46501; 46983; 46985).

E. A. Mearns. 2.

specimens were omitted by accident, or else were removed after the box left your hands.

Last month eleven additional boxes containing ethnological material and natural history specimens were received from you, but it is noted that Doctor Porter's second sending (mentioned in your August letter) is not included. The reason of the non-arrival of his first lot was explained in your letter, but it is hoped that his later sending, consisting of two boxes I believe, will reach here before long.

Hoping that my letter will find you well and prosperous, I am,

Very truly yours,



Assistant Secretary
in charge of National Museum.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
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MANILA.

BOTANIST.

April 23rd 1907

Dear Dr. "earns:

The package of plants you sent by mail came today in good condition and there are some fine things in it. Keep the boy at it ! and tell him to gather specimens of everything in sight, the more the better.

I had a letter yesterday from the Fletcher boy, acknowledging the Halcon and southern trip photos. It was written from Bombay just as he was about to leave for Italy. He complained that he hadn't heard from you, so you had better "get buisy".

Whitford tells me that Ahern has ordered Hutchinson into the Agusan valley for three months ---- I wish that I could be along to gather in the vegetation etc.!

Halcon paper is finished, I mean both; the account of the trip and the botanical account and enumeration of species. Moreover I received yesterday from Brotherus, Finland, an enumeration of Halcon mosses, and today a letter from Ames stating that his MS of the Halcon orchids would be mailed on the first of the present month, so you see things are progressing. I'll catch up fairly ~~well~~ well with my work before leaving, but still have two papers to finish.

*Yours
"Posey"*

Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

April 26, 1907.

Major E.A. Mearns,

Surgeon U.S. Army.

My Dear Major Mearns:-

In reading your very excellent report on the "Mammals of the Mexican Boundary of the United States" several references to the elevation of certain points in the Huachuca Mountains are found. As there are no local records of the elevations in this region, and as a recent determination of the bench mark at the post lowered it by about two hundred feet I am taking the liberty of addressing you to learn what bench mark was used in the determinations given in your paper.

I have been unable to identify "North Peak" given on page 13, but presume it is either Miller's Peak or Carr's Peak. The former is on the north side of Miller's canon and the latter forms the south wakk of the canon.

I will be greatly obliged to you for any information that will clear up these points for me.

Yours very truly,

Isaac W. Brewer

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Manila, May 1, 1907.

Major Edgar E. Mearns,
Baguio, Benguet.

Dear Major Mearns:-

I have packed up all of your birds except the ones you wanted for study, the latter you will find in tin No. 49, top tray. Three of your boxes are at the end of my desk; the others are together behind the door. Seven of the boxes contain specimens and are numbered as follows:

1. Small birds, not packed.
2. As received; contents ?
3. Small skins packed; can be shipped.
4. Various truck, shells, bones, etc.; not packed.
5. U.S. N. M. box; small skins packed and can be shipped.
6. Birds; should be repacked.
7. Mammal skins? from Major White?

I have spread and rearranged all of our collection, renumbered the tins, and made a new index so that anything can now be found with ease.

There are 83 skins in the two lower trays of tin No. 49 which you were to leave as a loan, so do not pack them up by mistake.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Mc Gregor
Collector.

Bureau of Science,
Manila.

May 11, 1907.

Dear Dr. Mearns:

The trip is postponed for a week as you doubtless know. How much ammunition do you want and where am I to get it. We have nothing here for alcoholic specimens so far as I know. Write explicitly of what you want, how much and where to get it.

Sincerely,

Richard C. McGregor.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
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BOTANIST.

May 14, 1907

Maj. E. A. Mearns,
Baguio,
Benguet.

Dear Dr. Mearns:

The plants you sent were received in good condition and these not dry have been put in press. There are several very interesting species in the collection and I hope to have time to name most of them before leaving Manila on the 25th Inst. I enclose a list of identifications of the first lot of Baguio plants sent -- you will note that there are two or three new species in the lot, this in spite of the large collections we have had previously from the same region.

I am sending you by mail today several packages containing species sheets for your use. It is possible that you will have opportunity to use them after the Batanes trip.

Very truly yours


Elmer D. Merrill
Botanist.

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UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 12, 1907.

Dear Doctor Mearns:

I have had good success in studying, photographing, and illustrating the pretty bolo case you sent, from the island of Basilan. It would add very much to the picturesqueness of this specimen if we could place a bolo in it, to show how it works. There may be among the objects you have sent one that would be just the thing, and I shall be greatly obliged to you for a little advice in the matter.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

O. Mason

Head Curator of Anthropology.

Major Edgar A. Mearns, U. S. A.,
Manila, Philippine Islands.